

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS:

Submitted with this Amendment are replacement sheets of drawing figures including Figs. 1 and 2. These replacement sheets of drawing figures replace the two sheets of drawing figures originally filed with this application, including Figs. 1 and 2. Only one change has been incorporated into the replacement sheets of drawing figures involving the addition of reference numeral "20" to Fig. 2.

Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Submitted with this Amendment are replacement sheets of drawing figures, including an amended version of Fig. 2 in which reference numeral "20" has been added. Withdrawal of the drawing objection is respectfully requested.

The original specification has been reviewed in light of the comments at the top of page two of the Official Action, and it appears that the noted unclarity may be due to the quality of the scanning procedure or the quality of the scanned document. In any event, submitted with this Amendment is a substitute specification that is the same as the original specification. No changes have been made to the specification and no new matter has been introduced.

Various claims have been amended to address the issues raised on pages three and four of the Official Action. Accordingly, withdrawal of the claim rejection based on 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and withdrawal of the claim objection are respectfully requested.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful

in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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